Employment on compassionate ground to the dependents of deceased employees

3419. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of employees of Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Surat, who expired during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 30th June, 1987 alongwith the date of expiry of each;

(b) whether as per rules the dependents of deceased employees can be given appointment in ONGC on Compassionate grounds in accordance with the instructions contained in O.M. No. 14034|1|77-Estt. (D) dated 25th November, 1978 of the then Department of Personnel & A.R. (M|O Home Affairs);

(c) if so, the names of the deceased whose dependents have not so far been provided with a job in O.N.G.C.;

(d) what are the reasons for not providing a job in each case; and

(e) by when ONGC will provide suitable jobs to such dependents of deceased employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Only one employee of Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Surat, namely, Shri Anjan Chakraborty, Asstt. Executive Engineer (Production) expired on 8-5-86, *i.e.* during the period 1-1-1986 to 30-6-87.

(b) O.M. No. 14034|1|77-Estt(D) dated 25-11-78 applies to only Ministries and Deptts. of Govt. of India.

ONGC has a scheme for providing employment/rehabilitation assistance to the dependents of deceased employees who have put in at least 10 years' service on the date of death.

(c) to (e) Since Shri Anjan Chakraborty completed hardly six months' service on the date of his death and did not leave any eligible dependents behind, no compassionate employment has been given in his case.

Bursting of LPG Cylinders

3420. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ADN NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bursting of L.P.G. cylinders in the country (Statewise) during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 31st March, 1987;

(b) what were the causes for these bursts;

(c) whether any compensation was given to those who died or were injured due to L.P.G. cylinder bursts;

(d) if so, the total amount given as compensation; and

(e) what other remedial steps Government propose to take to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the period from the 1st January, 1986 to the 31st March, 1987, there were 4 cases of bursting of LPG cylinders, three in Maharashtra and one in Tamil Nadu;

(b) In three cases the fire was caused by leakage of LPG, and in one case, the thatched shed caught fire due to a lighted bidi and the cylinders inside was trapped in the fire. In all the cases, the cylinders got heated in the fire caused burst, there were no casulties in these cases.

(c) and (d) All LPG distributors in the country hold a scheme covering third party risk insurance in respect of their consumers. Claims relating to LPG accidents are settled between the consumer, the distributor and the insurance company directly. No records are maintained by the Oil industry;

(e) LPG cylinders are procured by the oil industry directly from the cylinder manufacturers only and after certification by the Bureau of Indian Standards. LPG is supplied to the customers in these cylinders owned by oil companies. All cylinders are inspected at the bottling plants before and after each filling. The cylinders in use by the oil industry are subjected to statutory testing every five years. All the defective/spurious cylinders detected at manufacturers' end or at bottling plants are deshaped and sold as scrap to prevent the possibility of their recirculation in the market.

Shifting of IOC's sales depot

3421. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for retaining the sales depot of the refined oil products of Assam at Siliguri in West Bengal, even after the extension of the broad-gauge railway line upto Guwahati;

(b) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government or shifting the Oil Corporation's Sales Depot from Siliguri to some broad-gauge connected station in-between Guwahati and Bongaigaon; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) While the extension of the broad-gauge railway line upto Guwahati has facilitated transportation of petroleum products from the Guwahati Refinery, the POL depot at Siliguri is necessary because it not only serves as a distribution centre but also receives products from Guwahati and Bongaigaon Refineries. The depot also receives products for transportation into Assam;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Gas connections to towns in M.P. to save fire-wood

3422. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new cooking gas connections are being given in 1987 to Madhya Pradesh and other States;

(b) whether Government would consider giving a large number of cooking gas connections for towns in the close proximity of forests in Madhya Pradesh to save the adjoining forests from denudation on account of removal of firewood; and

(c) whether Government would consider giving more cooking gas connections to Madhya Pradesh in the Year 1988 in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Approximately 1.20 lakh new LPG connections are proposed to be issued in Madhya Pradesh during 1987-88 by the oil marketing companies.

(b) and (c) LPG connections will continue to be released in Madhya Pradesh also under the annual customer enrolment programme of the oil industry keeping in view augmentation in the availability of LPG, bottling capacity and related infrastructure. The introduction of LPG facilities at any location through establishment of a distributorship as well as through setting up new ones at existing locations is determined by the demand potential and the feasibility of economically viable operations of such distributorships.

खाना पकाने की गैस के सिलेण्डरों को खरीद से संबंधित नीति

3423. **श्री घनश्याम सिंह :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1985-86 और 1986-87 के वर्षों के दौरान सिलेंडर निर्माताओं से खाना पकाने की गैस के सिलेंडरों की खरीद के संबंध में तेल कम्पनियों की नीति क्या रही है ;